As there is no scheme under which this could be considered at this late stage, it is not possible to acquire the land on payment of the cost of the land.

Proposals of Andhra Pradesh

1359. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh pending with his Ministry as on date, indicating the period of pendency;

(b) the details of each such proposal and status thereof; and

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sahitya Academy regional centres

†1360. SHRI JABIR HUSAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sahitya Academy has opened regional centres in several States to run its activities;

(b) whether no regional centre of the academy has been opened in any Hindi speaking State so far;

(c) whether Government proposes to open regional centre of the Academy in Bihar-Jharkhand; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) Sahitya Akademi has only three regional offices — located at Bangalore, Kolkata and Mumbai.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Sahitya Akademi does not propose to open any regional centre/office in Bihar or Jharkhand as the publication and programme activities in Hindi are looked after by the Akademi's Head Office in New Delhi. The Akademi organizes its programmes in Bihar and Jharkhand on a regular basis.

Reservation under CCRT scholarship

1361. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation norms as per the Constitution are implemented in Cultural Talent Scholarship Scheme by the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), an autonomous organisation under his Ministry;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the number of SC and ST students benefited since 1995, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the action that has been taken against the authorities of CCRT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The selection under the "Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme" administered by the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), is done on the basis of merit and talent of the children. The Scheme does not attract the reservation norms as per the Constitution. However, 25 per cent of the scholarships are reserved for the children of families practising traditional art forms. Also, as and when there is a SC/ST candidate, due consideration is given to him/her. A State/UT-wise list of number of scholarships awarded to SC and ST candidates since 1995 is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

State/UT-wise number of scholarships awarded to SC and ST candidates under Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme since 1995

State/UT	Number of Scholarships
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	20
Arunachal Pradesh	06
Assam	56
Bihar	19
Chhattisgarh	01
Delhi	09
Gujarat	03
Haryana	04
Himachal Pradesh	01
Jammu and Kashmir	26
Jharkhand	04
Karnataka	10
Kerala	29
Madhya Pradesh	10
Maharashtra	31

1	2
Manipur	05
Meghalaya	01
Mizoram	04
Nagaland	04
Orissa	46
Pondicherry	04
Punjab	01
Rajasthan	43
Sikkim	02
Tamil Nadu	06
Tripura	14
Uttar Pradesh	03
Uttarakhand	03
West Bengal	63
Chandigarh	01

Resurfacing of Shish Mahal

1362. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to resurface the original structure of the 17th century old 'Shish Mahal' at Shalimar Bagh in North Delhi which is buried underground so far;

(b) if so, how much time it would take to resurface the original structure;

(c) whether there are any other such neglected historical sites in the country;

(d) if so, the number thereof and whether Government proposes to declare such places as tourist spots in the country during the Commonwealth Games-2010; and

(e) the funds and time that would be required to resurface the Shish Mahal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.